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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

APPARATUS FOR HOLDING AN OPTICAL ASSEMBLY IN AN IMAGING DEVICE the specification of which (check one) is attached hereto. was filed on Feb. 4, as Application, Scrial No.10/523,598 and was amended on ___ (if applicable)... I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a). I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed: Priority Claimed Prior Forcign Application(s) 08/08/2002 Yes 102 36 321.8 Germany 11/04/2003 Ycs Germany 103 16 589.4 (Day/Month/Year Filed) (Number) (Country) Yes WO 07/07/2003 PCT/EP2003/007257 (Day/Month/Year Filed) (Country) (Number) I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: United States Application(s) (Status)-(Patented, pending, abandoned) (Filing Date) (Application Serial No.) (Status)-(Patented, pending, abandoned) (Filing Date) (Application Serial No.)

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I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and request that all correspondence and telephone calls in respect to this application be directed to:

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